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S. 647

To amend section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 to require phasing-in of certain amendments of or revisions to land and resource management plans, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 30 (legislative day, MARCH 27), 1995

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. MACK, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SHELBY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PHASING-IN OF AMENDMENTS OF AND REVI-**
2 **SIONS TO LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGE-**
3 **MENT PLANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Forest and
5 Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974
6 (16 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(n) PHASING-IN OF CHANGES TO LAND AND RE-
9 SOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—When the Secretary
11 amends or revises a land or resource management
12 plan with the purpose of increasing the population
13 of a species in a unit of the National Forest System
14 or in any area within a unit, the Secretary shall, to
15 the greatest extent practicable and except when
16 there is an imminent risk to public health, phase in
17 the amendment or revision over an appropriate pe-
18 riod of time determined on the basis of the consider-
19 ations described in paragraph (2).

20 “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The considerations re-
21 ferred to in paragraph (1) are—

22 “(A) the social and economic consequences
23 to local communities of any new policy con-
24 tained in an amendment or revision;

1 “(B) the length of time needed to achieve
2 the population increase that is the objective of
3 the amendment or revision;

4 “(C) the cost of implementation of the
5 amendment or revision; and

6 “(D) the financial resources available for
7 implementation of the amendment or revision.”.

8 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—The amendment
9 made by subsection (a) shall apply to any amendment of
10 or revision to a land or resource management plan de-
11 scribed in the amendment that is proposed on or after the
12 date of enactment of this Act or that has been proposed
13 but not finally adopted prior to the date of enactment.

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